

The Pocahontas Times.

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The longing for ignoble things; The strife for triumph more than truth; The hardening of the heart, that brings Irreverence for the dreams of youth;

All thoughts of ill, all evil deeds, That have their roots in thoughts of ill; Whatever hinders or impedes The action of the noble will;— All these must first be trampled down

Beneath our feet, if we would gain In the bright fields of fair renown The right of eminent domain. —The Ladder of St. Augustine.

O. A. PETTY has been appointed postmaster at Charleston.

A PESSIMIST writes us from Huntersville that the Greenbrier Railroad is a thing of the past. We would remind him that the darkest hour is often just before dawn.

GENERAL APPLETON is compiling the names of all Union soldiers and sailors who were citizens of West Virginia. He has 40,000 names to go over. They will be placed alphabetically with date of enlistment, promotion, death or discharge, and other matter which may be specially mentioned.

SEVERAL persons were trying to locate the direction of Cuba the other day. They all agreed it was an island in the Atlantic Ocean southeast of us, except one who claimed it was directly south. Upon examination it was found that the meridian passing through Pocahontas County would cut Cuba half in two, making the island directly south of us.

A TRAGEDY occurred at Montgomery last Friday. George P. Tucker came home unexpectedly and found William McAllister with his wife under compromising circumstances, and shot and killed them both. He gave himself up to the authorities. The woman was about 40 years old and has three grown children. McAllister was about 21 years of age.

THE Marion County school case has been submitted to the Supreme court. The case was started by John Kennedy to prevent the school teacher from reading the Bible in opening school, on the grounds that it was against the constitution of the State to give religious instruction. It is to be hoped that the four men who compose our Supreme Court will declare for the sake of appearances that the Bible is higher law even than the constitution of the State and unlike it does not need to be amended.

OUR progressive Superintendent of Free Schools, Professor D. L. Barlow, has adopted the plan of the other superintendents of West Virginia counties and made arrangements to start a normal school at Pine Grove, near Edray. (See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.) The rule is that every county should have one of these normals, with the exception of those counties where the State has established a State Normal School. The neighborhood of Pine Grove is one of the most suitable in the county; a large number of interesting young people have their homes there; the people are noted for the comfort in which they live, and board and lodging can be secured for six dollars per month. We wish to refer once more to the advantages of an education, the lack of which one does not feel until it is too late to remedy it. If young people could only realize how acutely they will regret the failure to educate themselves during the time between childhood and when they have to "root, pig or die," they would work at their books in order that they might have the comfort and solace through life of an educated mind. The young boy or girl must petition their guardians for an education. We have never known it to fail where the child insisted upon going to school but that he went, and in a few years the money invested in the schooling brought a hundred fold. Some parents send unwilling children to expensive schools, and the result is nothing. But where the desire for schooling originates in the student the parent can spend his last dollar to advance his child, and the money will be well invested.

CONGRESSMAN DORR'S SPEECH.

We have received a copy of the speech delivered by Congressman Dorr, January 10, on the maintenance of the present civil service law, and have read it with great interest. It is a very able argument against the continuance of the law and advocates its repeal. It is a good, wholesome speech, in which the speaker is opposing the policy of his party. He says he is opposed to the civil service law because it is "an innovation upon the system established by our forefathers, the wisdom of which has been demonstrated by experience, and a step in the direction of reestablishing the form of government that was repudiated by the American people in 1776."

Mark that word repudiated! The speaker prefers to follow two noted Democrats in the selection of his subordinates, "Jefferson and Jackson."

Mr. Dorr called attention to the fact that in that city there was what was known as "The National Correspondence Institute," conducted by Mr. J. W. McKinley. It's claim to patronage is based upon the theory that it has peculiar facilities for preparing applicants for a civil service examination. The proprietor has already netted a handsome fortune. All his money has been extracted from a credulous and hopeful people, and the blame does not attach to him so much as to the law that enables him to thrive.

During last year 50,244 applicants were examined; 24,163 passed successfully; 3,308 were given places. Over a million dollars were spent by these applicants; in expenses alone to pass the examinations, and all waited for months in uncertainty.

He sees behind this vast establishment of officers to life-tenure a civil pension list. Deliver us from more pensions. The framers of the Constitution thought that life-tenure should only be extended to the Federal judiciary.

"I have no patience with that class of people who are constantly sneering at the 'office seekers' when they themselves have been seeking office all of their lives. I am an office seeker. I do not deny it. So are you all, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the House." Just at this point Speaker Reed looked at the somebody had let the cat out of the bag.

Mr. Dorr closed with the following oratorical passages:

"The voice of the people cries out for repeal. The voice of the people is the voice of God, and we are unto the political fortunes of him who does not heed it.

We omitted to mention that attention was called to the effect the present law has upon the locality of the office seeker under the present "merit system." By fair proportion the District of Columbia would be entitled to 39 positions in the Departments at Washington. Under this law it has received 2396.

PRESTON COUNTY had a school-house case recently. In Grant district the Board of Education discontinued a school in a subdistrict and the patrons of the school appealed to the county superintendent. He decided against the discontinuing of the school, and the Board of Education refusing to acknowledge his authority, a mandamus was issued by the Circuit Court, and the school reestablished.

GENERAL TURNER ASHBY fell in 1862 in a skirmish near Dayton, Virginia. Had he lived a few years longer no name would be greater than his in the annals of the war. To mark the place where he fell the Turner Ashby Camp has decided to raise \$500 and buy an acre on the spot and erect a monument. Contributions are solicited and should be mailed to Turner Ashby Camp, Harrisonburg, Va.

It is the belief of a good many that the Teller resolution defines the attitude of the two parties this year. On the Republican side the policy is to further debase and make subordinate the vast amount of silver money in this country. The Democrats say that the bonds can be paid under law in either money, and that they could so be paid kept the Cleveland issue of bonds down \$75,000,000. For the Administration now to give the bond holders the option is to work a fraud in favor of those who own bonds and who will realize a tremendous profit on their investment.

KNAPPS CREEK.

Fine weather for February. It will soon be time for sugar making. Price Moore went to see how Jim was getting along. A. M. Oliver caught a fawn last week.

Miss Myrtle Harold's school closed last Friday. C. B. Swecker, attorney at law, blew up Saturday. W. A. Bunsard is going to build a railroad engine in the spring. Summers Sharp has the rheumatism at this writing.

W. A. A. W. B. C. says, "Woe be unto the short-hand writer!" J. A. Moore is going to build a store house, we suppose. He is getting the lumber.

Price Moore killed six rats in sixty shots with a shot gun, last Monday. W. A. Bunsard has got a new turning-lathe and is turning out hay poles for the next hay harvest.

I. B. Moore and the new commissioner attended the sale at Green Bank last Saturday.

A. M. Oliver got left and M. F. Herold lost his shawl and the good work goes on.

It snowed, it melted, and J. A. Moore getteth in his sled and goeth to Frost for a load of rock.

A young man on the Creek received a letter two weeks ago. The name of the sender has not been learned.

W. S. P. H. M. S. To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

COVE HILL.

James F. Hively's school is progressing nicely. Hurrah for Cronia Dilley's gray hound and hickory nut shells! A little warmer. The sun shines brightly and the ground hog has gone to hole.

Billy is still working on his house. We hope he will get it done before the railroad comes. Lightburn Kellison of Mt Grove who was here last week, has returned home, accompanied by Nimrod, the great fox hunter.

The people of this part are enjoying good health, but we would like to have a good doctor, for fear some of us might get sick.

Miss Bettie Sharp has returned from Brown's Mountain. She says she likes it very well down there.

T. M. Gum's old rooster is dead. That is all. ASPEN.

[The Cove Hill correspondent has omitted to report a serious accident in his neighborhood. Last Friday night, at eight o'clock, the lamp went out and left a family in total darkness.—Ed.]

It is likely that Mr. Dayton's bill dividing this State into two Federal districts will be passed by Congress. A letter from Judge Jackson is holding the matter up for the present. He wishes the State held intact as long as he is judge, and then to be divided into an eastern and western district.

Under the present bill Pocahontas is put into the southern district, and Hinton or Charleston will be the place of holding courts.

BUCKEYE.

The sick are all improving. Mrs. J. G. McNeill's hand is no better. Sleighting and skating are the orders of the day.

W. McClintic's hands has been hauling hay from his mountain place to his lumber camp. J. D. Pullins and S. B. Scott, jr. came down to Buckeye on the ice Sunday. We would suppose Mr Scott was a dunkard, as he went in head foremost.

The Lobelia correspondent must have got on the new railroad and left, as he don't seem to write any more. MOUNTAIN ROVER.

Notice. My wife, Rhoda E. Simms, having left my bed and board, all parties are hereby notified that I will no longer be responsible for her support. WALLACE SIMMS. "Gone with a handsomer man."

THERE seems to be something of a panic in the White Sulphur district about the free circulation of counterfeit small change.

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I have a large stock of goods on hand—too large for my capital—and am compelled to sell out close-to-pay my bills and get ready for my Spring Stock.

A Pointer. Always if you want to buy cheap go to the man who is compelled to sell. "One one, come all!" I will give you better bargains than ever before for cash and good trade.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me, please call and settle. My rule is "Cash or good trade," but by special arrangement I have a few accounts out. On these I can give but short notice.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS.

S. J. Boggs.

Assassinated!

We do not mean to assassinate you, as Wilkes Boothe did Abraham Lincoln, but warn you of the truth that you are daily assassinating your Pocket Book by not giving us your trade. Our stock is fresh, and constant increase of Business show that Prices are Better than elsewhere.

Constant sales allow no shop worth goods to remain on our shelves, and MONDAY with ORDERS enables us to obtain BARGAINS which we gladly share with our customers. This means no fraud or deception. Our figures are plain and bold, and you don't have to guess or ask. You can't tell what the bottom price of an article is until you see it HERE. Every day in the year is a bargain day with us.

Our stock is worth INVESTIGATION and all are invited to call and be convinced that as to Quality of Stock and Lowness of Prices we are surpassed by none. We want your trade and friendship.

We will take Beeswax and Fur. Our nine-years' experience as buyer and shipper enables us to pay highest prices. For quality of stock, lowness of price, and prompt business, we are respectfully yours,

L. D. Sharp.

Pocahontas County Normal School for 1898

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SPECIAL ADVANTAGES:

- (1)—The school is located in a good neighborhood.
- (2)—Lowest rates of boarding of any School in the State.
- (3)—The whole Public School Course, including Rhetoric, Algebra, Physical Geography, Geometry, Botany, and Philosophy, will be taught as thoroughly as in the State Normal schools.
- (4)—Special attention will be given to Science and Art of Teaching.
- (5)—State, United States, and General History, Civil Government, and Physiology taught by the outline method. Uniformity of text books not required.

DEPARTMENT. We reserve the right to sever the connexion of any student with the school who does not conform to its regulations.

BOARDING. Can be obtained near the school at \$1.75 per week, and students will be made (by the hospitality of our people) to feel perfectly at home. Parents can send their sons and daughters to this school with the assurance that they will be comfortably situated while here, and that we will look carefully after their interests.

TUITION. From \$2.00 to \$2.75 per month. Do not let this Opportunity pass. For further information, address D. L. BARLOW, Principal; Edray, W. Va.

Announcement.
Hillsboro Academy.
The Second Term of Hillsboro Academy will commence Monday, February 14, 1898. and continue four months. With the assistance of Miss Virgie Sydenstricker, a graduate of the Lewisburg Female Institute, we are prepared to give a full and thorough preparatory course for any male or female college. Miss Mary I. McNeel, whose musical talents are well known, still has the music department in connexion with the school. The charges for tuition and board are very moderate. All other information cheerfully given. Address **W. W. Terry, Principal,** ACADEMY, W. VA.

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List of Real Estate

Sold in the County of Pocahontas, in the month of January, 1898, for the non-payment of the taxes charged thereon for the years 1895 and 1896, and purchased by individuals:

Names of person charged with taxes	Local Description.	Quantity of Land Sold.	Quantity of Land Purchased, Acres	Name of Purchaser.	Whole Amount Paid by Purchaser.
GREEN BANK DISTRICT	Arbogast, Adam's est	58	120 58 120	Mrs Hulda Yeager	\$12 85
	Arbogast, Adam's est	50	50	Mrs Hulda Yeager	2 74
	Arbogast, Adam's est	60	60	L M McClintic	4 12
	Campbell, J. B's heirs	100	100	E M Arbogast	2 32
	Collins, W H	15	15	H S Rucker	1 35
	Davis, John W's estate	1	1	L M McClintic	2 33
	Bradshaw, J B	138	138	E M Arbogast	12 62
	Gafford, Thomas' heirs	100	100	L M McClintic	6 91
	Grogg, John W	9	9	Same	1 62
	Same	245	245	Same	5 19
	Same	120	120	Same	3 12
	Same	120	120	E M Arbogast	2 58
	Gilmer, Alex	132	132	L M McClintic, W A Bratton, B M Yeager	4 18
	Hamilton, Wm's heirs	30	30	Same	1 51
	Same	100	100	Same	7 76
	Houchin, Ellis	130	130	J W Yeager	8 71
	Same	130	130	H A Yeager	47 92
	McCutcheon, John B	2800	2800	Izette E Dilley	2 12
	Same	77	77	Same	11 95
	Same	80	80	B M Yeager	5 34
	Rheinstrom, Alf	125	125	L M McClintic	10 06
	Sheets, Jacob's estate	135	135	T S McNeel	4 67
	Slaton, Robert G	107	107	J F Rider	11 85
	Sutton, Wilson E	81	81	W A Bratton and L M McClintic	3 02
	Same	18	18	B M Yeager	28 38
	Scott, F B	100	100	George P Moore	1 79
	Turk, P. S. & J. T. Arbogast	1600	1600	M Ruckman	29 06
EDRAY DISTRICT.				Same	14 24
	Barnes, M L	883	883	Same	5 73
	Hogsett, Sam's estate	138	138	George P Moore	5 83
	Hogsett, Sam's estate	59	59	Same	4 58
	Hogsett, J T	100	100	J R Poage	18 65
	Johnson, J E	300	300	H S Rucker	4 61
	Same	750	750	W A Bratton and L M McClintic	7 12
	Lyle, S W	61	61	L M McClintic	2 36
	Simmons, J W N R & W	1 32 P	1 32 P	N C McNeil	2 81
	Thomson, Joseph L			B M Yeager	2 63
HUNTERSVILLE DIST.				Fred Beard	1 52
	Bradshaw, Wm's heirs	1 0 40	100 40	M Ruckman	18 89
	Beard, M W	50	50	Same	3 90
	Bird, George H	120	120	Same	2 37
	Gammou, James' estate	250 90	256 90	Same	2 11
	Hogsett, J T	4 80 P	4 80 P	Same	1 97
	Same	29	29	Same	1 11
	Same			Same	1 94
	Hondyshell, Susan	1	1	C Kelley	1 94
	Larty, S. & Bumgardner	767	767	B M Yeager	14 24
	Skeen, William	44	44	J W Grimes	2 24
	Simms, B W	160	160	Uriah Bud	3 84
	Webb, Amanda	135	130	L M McClintic	4 44
LEVELS DISTRICT.					
	Hogsett, M J	50	50	M Ruckman	18 13
	Hogsett, J T	107	107	Same	51 93
	Same	75 100	75-100	Same	1 31
	Smith, Erie E	138	138	W A Bratton and L M McClintic	3 68

The owner of any real estate above described and sold, his heirs, or assigns, or any person having a right to charge such real estate for a debt, may redeem the same by paying to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, within one year from the date of the sale, the amount specified in the last column of the above table, and such additional taxes as may have been paid by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, with interest on said purchase money and taxes at the rate of twelve per centum per annum from the time the same may have been so paid. Given under my hand this 10th day of January, 1898, R. W. HILL, Sheriff.